

WELCOME TO IONA

We are pleased to gather together for worship today. Join us after the service for fellowship time. If you wish more information on our congregation, please speak to the duty elder or the minister.

Pastoral information cards are located in the front of the hymn books.

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*We gather on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. Peace and Friendship
Treaties with the Mi'kmaq bind us together as we strive for healing and reconciliation.
We offer thanks for their stewardship of this good earth!*

June 14, 2026, 10:00 am:

Second Sunday after Pentecost

General Assembly Sunday

Greeting Elder: Linda MacKinnon

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

(Please stand, if able, as the worship leader enters and then be seated.)

Prelude: (Time for prayer and silent reflection)

Greeting: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Ministry of God's People

APPROACH TO THE WORD

***Choral Introit 565:** "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life" (vv. 1, 3)

***Call to Worship:**

God has made us, knows us, and calls us;

Let us rejoice in the goodness that God has made.

God has come to us in Jesus, the Word of Creation;

Let us listen for the words of God, wherever they may be found.

God sends Their Holy Spirit to inspire and transform us;

Let us open our hearts to Her movement and Her challenge.

***Hymn 787 "The kingdom of God is justice and joy"**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

God of the open hand,
you invite us, and we follow;
you send us, and we go;

you set us free and catch us when we fall.
Where there is brokenness, you are poised to fill the gaps.
Where there is goodness, you are already there.
Where there is healing, you are made manifest.
You are the unconditional welcome of Abraham and Sarah.
You are the absolute newness of life
that transcends mere rules and is vaster than all authority.
You are endless and endlessly self-giving,
as Mothering Father of all,
as Divinity incarnate in Christ both then and now;
in and as your Holy Spirit who journeys with us this day,
one God, now and forever.

God of endless giving:
in a world that glorifies self-reliance,
you remind us that we are never alone.
But we confess that we often forget to rely on You.
Rather than ask, we act in isolation,
choosing to strive rather than seek;
often we find ourselves waiting at the door,
when all that is needed is to knock.
Forgive us, O God,
and help us to reach out for Your kindness,
in which we trust that all things are possible.

Words of Assurance

Teaching hymn 635 "Brother, sister, let me serve you"

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 18:1–15, (21:1–7)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19

Gloria Patri (sung# 594)

Second Reading: Romans 5:1–8

Gospel: Matthew 9:35–10:8, (9–23)

One: The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God

***Hymn "Oh where are you going?" (insert),**

Sermon

Invitation to the Offering

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering followed by The Doxology (sung # 830)

***Affirmation of Faith Living Faith 3.1.1 and 3.1.3, from "Jesus Christ and Israel"**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) (831)

***Hymn 583 "You are called to tell the story"**

Readings

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude

*** Please stand if able**

Large print hymnbooks are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Join us for coffee after the service this week, hosted by Hospitality & Community Life. Next week, Hospitality & Community Life will host Lemonade on the Lawn.

Announcements:

- Victoria will be leaving us for a new opportunity. We wish her all the best. The position is part-time with some flexibility with hours. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let Operations know as soon as possible. We will be posting this vacancy shortly.
- Graduate Sunday and Communion: June 21st we will recognize our graduates of High School or Post Secondary Education. We also will celebrate Holy Communion lead by the Rev Dr Cynthia Chenard
- Bible study is now on hiatus for the summer. Many thanks to all who have participated in and supported this endeavour!
- The Rev. Lora Nafziger, her husband Mitch Rhonds their son Auggie will be visiting our area this week from Nepal. Rev. Lora is a PCC supported staff in Nepal and will be speaking about her work in Nepal and what the PCC is doing in Nepal.

TUESDAY JUNE 16 1pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church there will be a presentation followed by refreshment and conversation time.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17 10:15 am here at Iona the Wednesday Morning Group are hosting a coffee time where we can meet with Rev. Lora and her family for conversation and stories about their work in Nepal.

Please help the AMS make Rev. Lora and her family feel welcome to our area as we learn about the Mission work done in Nepal by our church.

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